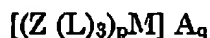


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IN THE CLAIMS

1-46. (Cancelled).

47. (Previously added) Organometallic complex having the formula (I):



(I)

wherein Z is a carbon atom or R¹ - B fragment

p is 1, 2 or 3

q is 3-p and

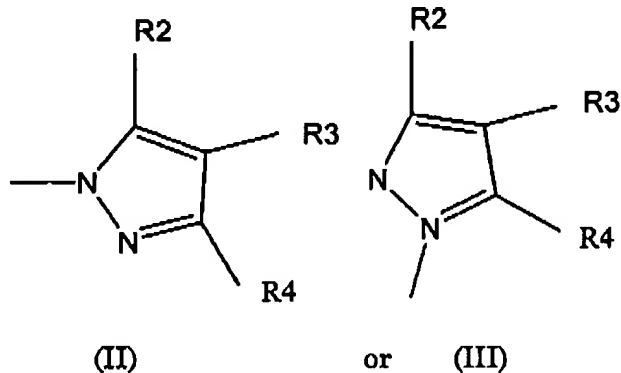
A is a counterion

R¹ is: (i) hydrogen, aryl or aralkyl each optionally substituted

with from one to five halogen or C₁ to C₆ alkyl groups; or (ii) C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₁ to C₆ alkenyl or C₁ to C₆ alkynyl each optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms

each L is covalently bound to Z and is independently selected

from a group of the formula (II) or (III)



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in which R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are independently selected from:

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- (i) halogen, cyano, nitro, sulphono, amino, C_1 to C_6 alkylamino, C_1 to C_6 alkylamido, carboxyl, C_1 to C_6 alkyloxycarbonyl, hydroxy, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy, C_1 to C_6 alkylcarbonyloxy, C_1 to C_6 alkylcarbonyl C_1 to C_6 haloalkoxy and hydrogen;
 - (ii) aryl or aralkyl each optionally substituted on the aryl ring or, for aralkyl, on the alkylene chain with from one or more of the groups mentioned under (i) above; ~~and~~ ^{or}
 - (iii) C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 alkenyl or C_1 to C_6 alkenyl or C_1 to C_6 alkynyl each optionally substituted with one or more of the groups mentioned under (i) and (ii) above;

R^4 and or R^2 is $-(CX_2)_nX$ wherein n is 0 or a positive integer from 1 to 6 and X is halogen; or R^1 is orthodihalogenated or orthodiperhalomethylated aryl, optionally further substituted on the aryl ring; or

R^2 and R^3 or R^3 and R^4 are linked so as to form a fused aromatic or non-aromatic ring system with the pyrazolyl ring of L; and

M is a trivalent lanthanide metal ion.

48. (Previously added) Complex as claimed in claim 47, wherein M is Tb, Ce, Eu, Er, Gd, Tm, Sm or Nd.

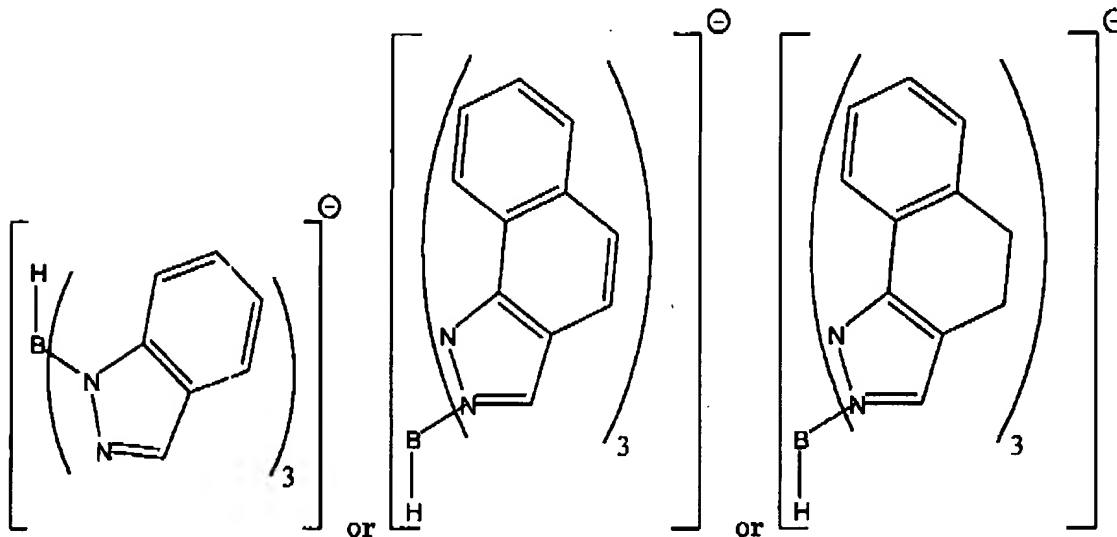
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49. (Previously added) Complex as claimed in claim 47, wherein R^4 is trifluoromethyl.

50. (Previously added) Complex as claimed in claim 47, wherein R^3 is hydrogen and R^2 is trifluoromethyl.

51. (Previously added) Complex as claimed in claim 47, wherein Z is H-B.

52. (Previously added) Complex as claimed in claim 47, wherein ZL_3 is



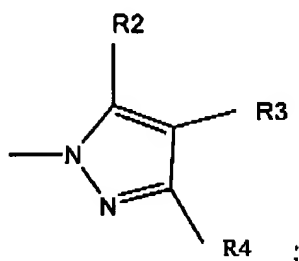
53. (Previously added) Complex as claimed in claim 47, wherein A is $CF_3SO_3^-$, halide, nitrate or perchlorate.

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54. (New) Complex as claimed in claim 47, wherein:

Z is H-B;

L is



M is Tb;

A is CF_3SO_3 ;

X is halogen;

R1 is H;

R2 is CH_3 ;

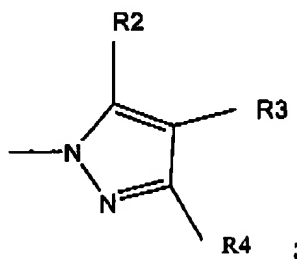
R3 is H; and

R4 is CH_3 .

55. (New) Complex as claimed in claim 48, wherein:

Z is H-B;

L is



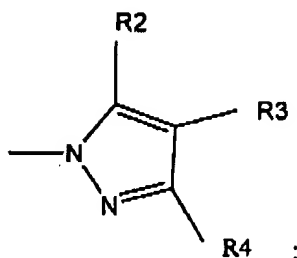
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M is Tb;
A is CF_3SO_3 ;
X is halogen;
R1 is H;
R2 is CH_3 ;
R3 is H; and
R4 is CH_3 .

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56. (New) Complex as claimed in claim 51, wherein:

L is



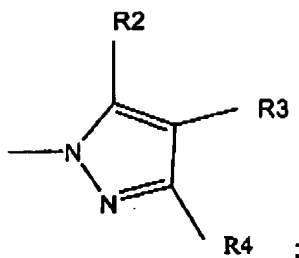
M is Tb;
A is CF_3SO_3 ;
X is halogen;
R1 is H;
R2 is CH_3 ;
R3 is H; and
R4 is CH_3 .

57. (New) Complex as claimed in claim 53, wherein:

Z is H-B;
L is

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M is Tb;

A is CF_3SO_3 ;

X is halogen;

R1 is H;

R2 is CH_3 ;

R3 is H; and

R4 is CH_3 .